GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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REHABILITATION OF SLUM DWELLERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have given up the plan to make Chandigarh slum-free;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of unplanned labour colonies and the number of families living in such colonies;

(d) the time schedule for rehabilitating the same; and

(e) the steps taken to prevent fresh encroachments on the public land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Chandigarh Administration has reported that they are implementing a scheme `Licensing of Tenements, Sites and Services Chandigarh Scheme, 1979 and the same is very much is vogue. Under the Scheme, rehabilitation is undertaken of slum dwellers who reside in designated labour colonies. Presently, rehabilitation work in two large labour colonies viz. Janta and Kumhar colonies, besides a few other smaller labour colonies is under way.

(c)&(d): No survey of the unplanned labour colonies and the number of families living in such colonies has been carried out. However, a field study sponsored by Chandigarh Administration through an NGO reveals that there are 24 unauthorised labour colonies where roughly 52,000 households exist. No definite time frame for rehabilitation has been fixed as the in situ rehabilitation or relocation else where have to be decided keeping in view environmental and town planning considerations.

(e): The Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh through its anti encroachment staff has been maintaining constant vigilance throughout the city to prevent fresh encroachment and simultaneously it has been removing the old encroachments from the public land in close co-ordination with Anti Encroachment Magistrate appointed by the Chandigarh Administration, in a sustained manner.